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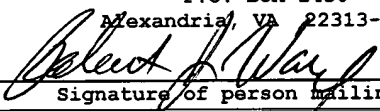
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In re Application of: Ward, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/086,584  
Filing Date: February 28, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 3727  
Examiner: Mai, Tri M.  
For: ***Apparatus and Method for  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATE MAILED MAY 18, 2005**

Sir:

The Office Action mailed May 18, 2005 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time allows Applicant until September 19, 2005 to file a response, since

September 18, 2005 is a Sunday. As such, Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed and respectfully request entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3, **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4, the **Remarks** begin on page 8, and the **Conclusion** begins on page 11 of this paper.